



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4778.06 Application for renewal.

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(A) An individual seeking to renew a license to practice as a genetic counselor shall, on or before the license's expiration date, apply to the state medical board for renewal. The board shall provide renewal notices to license holders at least one month prior to the expiration date.

Renewal applications shall be submitted to the board in a manner prescribed by the board. Each application shall be accompanied by a biennial renewal fee of one hundred fifty dollars.

The applicant shall report any criminal offense to which the applicant has pleaded guilty, of which the applicant has been found guilty, or for which the applicant has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction, since last signing an application for a license to practice as a genetic counselor.

(B) To be eligible for renewal, a genetic counselor shall certify to the board that the counselor has done both of the following:

(1) Maintained the counselor's status as a certified genetic counselor;

(2) Completed at least thirty hours of continuing education in genetic counseling that has been approved by the national society of genetic counselors or American board of genetic counseling.

(C) If an applicant submits a renewal application that the board considers to be complete and qualifies for renewal pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board shall issue to the applicant a renewed license to practice as a genetic counselor.

(D) The board may require a random sample of genetic counselors to submit materials documenting that their status as certified genetic counselors has been maintained and that the number of hours of continuing education required under division (B)(2) of this section has been completed. This division does not limit the board's authority to conduct investigations pursuant to section 4778.14 of the



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(E)(1) If, through a random sample conducted under division (D) of this section or any other means, the board finds that an individual who certified completion of the number of hours and type of continuing education required to renew, reinstate, or restore a license to practice did not complete the requisite continuing education, the board may do either of the following:

(a) Take disciplinary action against the individual under section 4778.14 of the Revised Code, impose a civil penalty, or both;

(b) Permit the individual to agree in writing to complete the continuing education and pay a civil penalty.

(2) The board's finding in any disciplinary action taken under division (E)(1)(a) of this section shall be made pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members.

(3) A civil penalty imposed under division (E)(1)(a) of this section or paid under division (E)(1)(b) of this section shall be in an amount specified by the board of not more than five thousand dollars. The board shall deposit civil penalties in accordance with section 4731.24 of the Revised Code.